

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL:	Mayor	Jayne Valenzuela
	Vice Mayor	Olga Lopez
	Councilmember	Gilbert Aguilar
	Councilmember	Michael Alonzo
	Councilmember	Mila Besich-Lira
	Councilmember	Stephen Estatico
	Councilmember	John Tameron

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor led staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

STAFF ATTENDANCE:	Town Attorney	Steven Cooper
	Admin Assistant	Nora Miramon

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

Debra Massy	Bruce Armitage
Jeff Rabenda	Barbara Armitage
Shanlynn Rabenda	Merrilee Kinney
Delores Hatfield	Nancy Vogler
Marcella Garcia	Bill Vogler
Jessie Garcia	Hank Gutierrez
Della Guzman	Bruce Wittig
Dixie Briegel	Sue Anderson
Roy Chavez	Pam Rabago
Sandra Doyle	Rick Carter

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion of employment of a public officer- Town Manager including possible discussions of the following:

- a. **Acceptance of Resignation-** After brief discussion Mayor asked for a motion for this item. Also legal advice was discussed with Town Attorney, Steven Cooper Motion to accept Ms. Gaston's resignation immediately and pay her out 2 weeks, made by Councilmember Tameron second by Mr. Alonzo, motion carries 6 to 1.
 1. Legal advice (if requested by Town Council) with Town Attorney. After brief discussion regarding the reason to go into Executive Session meeting went forward to item b.
- b. **Appointment of Interim Town Manager-** Councilmember Aguilar made a recommendation and made a motion to appointment Mr. Roy Chavez as interim Town Manager. Second by Councilmember Tameron. Councilmember asked for discussion. Discussion regarding the appointment of Mr. Chavez as Interim Town Manager for several minutes. Steven Cooper, Town Attorney advised Council that the motion would have to be withdrawn or a vote would have to take place in order to move into item c. Councilmember Aguilar stated he would like to go to item c and have discussion. Councilmember Tameron who second the motion Mr. Aguilar made said he would not withdraw his motion. A vote was then taken on the motion to appoint Mr. Chavez as

Interim Town Manager. Vote, nays 4 – Councilmembers Besich-Lira, Vice Mayor Lopez, Estatico, Alonzo. Yes 2 – Councilmember Aguilar, Tameron. Motion dies.

- c. **Approval of contract with Interim Public Management, LLC for Town Manager Search in the amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 dollars.** Councilmember Besich-Lira explained the process since she had talked with Mr. Pickering over the weekend. After several minutes of discussion. Mr. Cooper recommended that an Interim Town Manager be appointed. Mayor Valenzuela took this time to inform Council and Staff that Mr. David Romero gave his resignation this afternoon effective immediately. Continued discussion...Motion made by Councilmember Estatico to approve the contract with Interim Public Management, LLC for Town Manager Search in the amount not to exceed \$1500.00 dollars effective immediately, second by Councilmember Besich-Lira. Motion carries

Mayor went back to item b. since the motion died in previous discussion

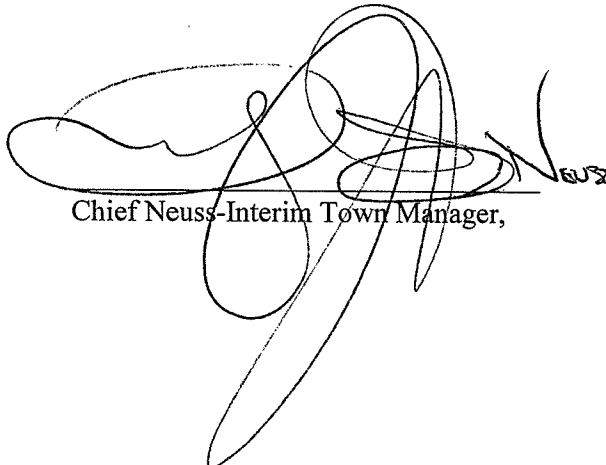
b. Appointment of Interim Town Manager, David Neuss. Councilmember Estatico made motion to appoint Fire Chief Todd Pryor and Police Chief David Neuss as Interim Town Managers. Second made by Councilmember Alonzo, motion carries 6-1.

- d. **Ratification of approved Town Purchase Orders.** Town Attorney Cooper advised Mayor and Council that since they have just appointed Chief Pryor and Chief Neuss as Interim Manager they are able to approve or not any Purchase Orders or you can appoint a Councilmember to assist them in doing so. Also that any purchase orders for the Fire Department that Chief Neuss would look at those and Chief Pryor would review the ones for the Police Department.
- e. **Designate Town Council Members and Town Officers to sign Town Checks.** Mr. Cooper, Town Attorney asked who were currently check signers, Vice Mayor Lopez stated that the signers were Councilmember Aguilar, Vice Mayor Lopez, Mayor and Margaret Gaston. Attorney advised removing Ms. Gaston off as signer. Mr. Cooper advise Council they can temporarily assign Chief Pryor and Chief Neuss as check signers. Brief discussion and motion was made. Motion to approve Chief Todd Pryor as a signer for the Town checks made by Vice Mayor Lopez, second by Councilmember Besich-Lira, motion carries.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Tameron, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.



Chief Neuss-Interim Town Manager, 8/22/1